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1. ECONCOMMIN SAW OLIVER WRIGHT, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION MATTERS IN FCO AND IS THE UK POLITICAL DIRECTOR, NOVEMBER 4. ECONCOMMIN OUTLINED U.S. POSITION ON PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH IRAN ALONG LINES OF STATE 218673 AND STATE 164851. WRIGHT REPLIED THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS NOT YET COME TO A HEAD. FOR

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ONE THING, IRAN'S ATTITUDE IS NOT CLEAR AND IRAN NOW APPEARS LESS INTERESTED IN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY THAN IT HAD BEEN. THE ONLY PROPONENTS OF A PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH IRAN APPEAR TO BE DENMARK AND, OF COURSE, THE FRG. THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY BELIEVE RELATIONS WITH IRAN ARE IMPORTANT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS BUT DOES NOT AGREE THAT A PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE PART OF THESE RELATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH "DESULTORY CONVERSATION" IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THIS MATTER, BUT IT IS NOT YET BEFORE THE COUNCIL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 12, BUT AS THE MATTER IS NOT YET RIPE FOR DECISION, THE COUNCIL CAN ONLY ENGAGE IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. WRIGHT CONCLUDED THAT HE TOOK NOTE OF OUR VIEWS, WHICH WERE, IN ANY CASE, WELL KNOWN TO HMG.

2. LATER ON NOVEMBER 4, WE SAW ROY DENMAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, AND TOLD HIM OF OUR MEETING WITH WRIGHT. DENMAN SAID DOT IS VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH IRAN.

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NOTE BY OCT: #AS RECEIVED; REF NOT IDENTIFIED.

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